

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Decker S12750 VA
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State of Kentucky
Grayson County Sct

On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Eli Bezerth, William Brunk Henry Litzey the Court of Grayson County in the State of Kentucky now sitting William Decker resident in Grayson County and State aforesaid aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he lived in Macklenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County in the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War that he was drafted into service of the United States in the Virginia Militia and marched under the Command of Capt Sanders to Portsmouth on the Aplomatic River [sic] in the State of Virginia and when at Portsmouth he was transfered to Captain Davis and that he was stationed at Portsmouth to guard the same during the winter that he entered the service about the first of September 1779 and was discharged the last of the next March he does not recollect the principal Officers names it has been so long ago he has forgotten. That at another time he was drafted and guarded the magazine in Maklenburg County Virginia three weeks. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services
Interrogatories propounded by the court to the applicant

1st Question where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Macklenburg County in the State of Virginia in the year 1745

2nd Question have you any record of your age

Answer I have none.

3rd Question where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer when I was called into service I lived in Macklenburg County State of Virginia and after the Revolutionary war I moved to the State of Kentucky in which State I have lived ever since. I now live in Grayson County State of Kentucky where I have lived for the last 15 years.

4th Question how were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute – Answer I was drafted.

Question 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served and such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. answer the Officers names as far as I can now positively recollect are those already stated and the general circumstance of my service is the same as already stated in the Declaration

6th Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

Answer, I dont recollect of having received a discharge

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer, Michael Whoberry, John Hayse Sen'r. John Hayse Jr. Zachariah Carns, William Whoberry, Henry Decker, Mordecai Lincoln, William Gore, John Sowder, Abraham Neighbours, Jack Thomas, Jacob Leyman

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Decker